GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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LOSS OF FOREST LAND
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment about the loss of forest land after 1995 till today for new mines, industries, road and coal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) & (b) Use of forest land for non-forest purposes including for new mines, industries, road and coal requires prior approval of Central Government in accordance with the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Central Government during the period 01.01.1995 to 01.05.2012 accorded 19,292 approvals under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 814,054 hectares of forest land. Category-wise details of the same are annexed.